

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD – Allegations of irregularities committed in execution of works taken up under RIDF VIII, NABARD and violated guidelines / instructions relating to the execution of works and misuse of official position - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 initiated against Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c EE (PR), Karimnagar (now retired) – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1379

Dated:24-09-2009.
Read the following:

1. From the General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.93, Dated: 28.6.2005.
2. Govt. Memo No.10591/Vig.IA/2005-4, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 14.2.2006.
3. From Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c EE, PR, Explanation dt.21.2.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.627, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dated: 30.4.2007.
5. From Sri B. Shyam Babu, CE, NABARD-I, PR, Hyderabad, Lr.No. NAB/9-Disc/07, Dated: 07.07.2007.
6. Govt. Memo No.10591/Vig.IA/2005-11, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt:16.5.2008.
7. From Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c EE (PR) (Retd.), Representation Dt. 20.6.2008.
8. Govt. Memo No.10591/Vig.IA/2005-12, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., Dt. 23.1.2009.
9. From the ENC, PR, Lr.No.Vig.5/53626/05, Dt. 28.3.2009.

ORDER:

Based on the report furnished by the General Administration (V&E) Department in the reference 1st read above, the following charge was framed in the reference 2nd read above, against Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Karimnagr for his failure in discharging his official duties and irregularities in execution of works taken up under RIDF VIII, NABARD and violated the guidelines/ instructions relating to the execution of works and misuse of official position with a direction to submit his written statement of defence:-

Charge:-

That Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Karimnagr has committed irregularities in execution of works taken up under RIDF VIII, NABARD and violated the guidelines / instructions relating to the execution of works. Thus he has misused his official position.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Karimnagr has submitted his written statement of defence and after examining the same, Government have decided to conduct Departmental enquiry and accordingly in the reference 4th read above, appointed Sri B. Shyam Babu, Chief Engineer, NABARD-I as Enquiry Officer for conducting regular enquiry and the Superintending Engineer, PR, Karimnagar has been appointed as Presenting Officer. In the reference 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report. The Enquiry Officer, in his findings has held that in view of the documentary evidence and inquiry findings, it is obvious that the Charged Officer has made procedural lapses paying the bills without prior sanction of EOAT from the competent authority. The Enquiry Officer has further observed that there is no excess payment made to the contractor or there is no loss to Government. The Enquiry Officer has recommended that the Charged Officer may be exonerated since he has already retired from service.

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3. In the reference 6th read above, a copy of Enquiry Report was communicated to Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c. Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Karimnagr (now retired), with a direction to submit his representation if any on the findings of the Enquiry in so far as it relates to commission of procedural lapses in paying the bills without prior sanction of EOAT from the competent authority, as required under Rule-21 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c Executive Engineer (PR) (Retd.) has submitted his representation on the findings of the Enquiry Officer. Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c Executive Engineer (PR), in his representation, has stated that the proposal sent from the division granting time extension of agreements by the Government was delayed due to process involved at various levels. He has further stated that due to continued stress on ensuring physical and financial targets fixed by Government to complete the works such that incurred money should not go waste and in the interest of making the roads traffic worthy, the bills were paid without resulting any financial loss to Government. He therefore requested to exonerate him of the procedural lapses and drop further action.

5. After examining the representation submitted by Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c Executive Engineer (PR) (Retd.), in the reference 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (PR) was requested to furnish his report on the extraordinary delay in granting EOAT. In the reference 9th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR has stated that the EOAT was granted vide Procg.No.NB5/7606/RIDF VIII/ KRMR/02, dated: 20.3.2006 of the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, Hyderabad, with a fine of Rs.19,500/- for the delay attributable to the contractor. The Engineer-in-Chief, PR has further stated that the delay in granting EOAT is due to administrative reasons only.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter and taking into consideration the report of the Enquiry Officer, explanation submitted by Sri S. Gopal Reddy, I/c Executive Engineer (PR) (Retd.) and the report of the Engineer-in-Chief (PR), have decided and accordingly drop further action against Sri S. Gopal Reddy, the then I/c Executive Engineer (PR), Karimnagar and now retired in this matter.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.V.P.C. SASTRY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri S. Gopal Reddy, the then I/c Executive Engineer (PR), Karimnagar and now retired through the Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief (PR), Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The General Administration (V&E) Department.

The Secretary to APVC, Hyderabad.

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

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